

**Department of Veterans Affairs**  
**VISN 16**  
**Justification and Approval**

1. Identification of Agency and Contracting Activity  
VA SLVHCS, New Orleans, LA
2. Nature/Description of Action  
Installation of four (4) showers at Baton Rouge South.
3. Description of Supplies/Services  
Contractor shall supply all equipment, labor and materials necessary for complete demolition of existing spaces and build out of four (4) showers.

Estimated Value: \$92,900.00

4. Identification of Statutory Authority
  - ( ) 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (1) Only One Responsible Source
  - (x) 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency
  - ( ) 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (3) Industrial, Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental, or Research Capability or Expert Services
  - ( ) 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (4) International Agreement
  - ( ) 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (5) Authorized or Required by Statute
  - ( ) 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (6) National Security
  - ( ) 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (7) Public Interest

5. Rationale in support of citation in Paragraph 4 above:

- a. Description of contractor and or of acquisition action that demonstrates that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited:

The requested work is for installation of emergency showers at Baton Rouge South as it is the second Emergency Operations Center site for SLVHCS. The construction of these showers is for use during emergencies, primarily natural disasters and weather emergencies. Baton Rouge South is a leased space and because of this, we must go to the owner for this construction work. The Statutory Authority for this work is urgent and compelling as we are approaching the height of the hurricane season and would like to have the showers in place prior to any potential major storm.

6. Additional Support for the use of other than full and open competition:

- a. Explanation of why technical data, specifications, engineering descriptions, statement of work or purchase descriptions suitable for full open and competition have not been developed or are not available:  
**Scope of Work is available.**

b. When the sole source exception is used in the case of a follow-on acquisition, provide an estimate of the cost that would be duplicated and describe how the estimate was derived if the contract is awarded to other than the incumbent:

N/A

- b. When the urgency exception is cited provide the data, estimate of cost or other rationale as to the extent of harm to the government if the contract is not awarded expediently:

The Statutory Authority for this work is urgent and compelling as we are approaching the height of the hurricane season and would like to have the showers in place prior to any potential major storm. Previously the government has had to get hotel rooms at the nearest facilities to provide showering and bathing facilities for staff. This has resulted in staff leaving the EOC in hurricane conditions as well incurring additional room costs solely for showering purposes.

7. Sources expressing an interest:

Baton Rouge VA Venture

10. Actions, if any, being taken to remove barriers to full and open competition:

N/A

11. Delivery Requirements:

N/A

12. Acquisition Plan: An Acquisition Plan ( ) is ( x ) is not required for this acquisition.

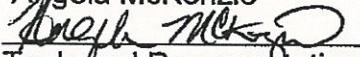
13. IT Approval: IT Approval ( ) is ( x ) is not required for this acquisition. If it is, include appropriate approvals.

The assertions and recommendations in support of the justification have been prepared by:

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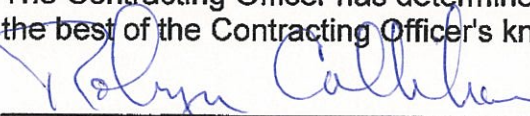
  
Technical Representative

Date

Phone

Contracting Officers Certification

The Contracting Officer has determined that the justification is accurate and complete to the best of the Contracting Officer's knowledge and belief.

  
Contracting Officer

Not exceeding \$500K

9/26/13  
Date

One Level Above Contracting Officer, Exceeding \$500K

Date

CONCURRED BY:

Head of Contracting Activity Over \$500K not exceeding \$10 Mil

Date